Foreign airlines allowed to fly over India

†2639. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private passenger/cargo foreign airlines permitted by Government to fly over our country;

(b) the details of earnings during the last three years from said airlines' business in our country, year-wise; and

(c) whether Government have fixed any criterion for this purpose under which the said airlines could be permitted to operate maximum number of flights indicating the total number thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The number of private foreign airlines (non-scheduled) carrying passenger/cargo permitted by Directorate General of Civil Aviation during the period from 01.01.2002 to 31.12.2002 to fly over our country is 246. In addition to this, 19 scheduled foreign airlines carrying passenger/cargo were permitted to over fly our country.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of House.

Monitoring Indian space with primary radars

2640. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to monitor the entire Indian airspace with primary radars keeping in view the Purulia and 9/11 incidents;

(b) if so, the details of action taken;

(c) whether it is a fact that Airports Authority of India (AAI) uses mostly secondary radars to monitor air traffic; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not replacing it with primary radars after 9/11 attack in the US?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.